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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

A CHOIR PRACTICE for SCOTCH CONCERT will be held at the CITY HALL, THIS AFTERNOON (TUESDAY), at 5.30 P.M. sharp.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1891. [2801

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1891. [2766

HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

THE NEXT COMPETITION for the MACEWEN CHALLENGE CUP will take place on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY next. Entry $1, to be paid to the Caretaker on the Links before starting. Intending Competitors will find a List and Scoring Cards (with Rules on the back) at the Links. They are requested to sign the former before starting and to hand in the latter to the Caretaker on completion of their rounds. Any Competitor unable to find a Scorer is requested to communicate early with the Honorary Secretary.

H. N. DUMBLETON,
Capt. R.E.,
Hon. Sec. Golf Club.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1891. [2796

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS HETHERINGTON, FORMERLY OF FOOCHOW, IN THE EMPIRE OF CHINA, AND LATE OF ASPATRIA, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, ENGLAND, CHEMIST, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the Honourable the Chief Justice having, in virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, made an Order limiting to the 19th day of FEBRUARY, 1892, the time for sending in Claims against the said Estate.

All Creditors are hereby required to send in their Claims to ALFRED HENRY MANCELL, the Administrator, or to the Undersigned before the said date, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Dated this 24th day of December, 1891.

WOTTON & DEACON,
Solicitors for the said Administrator,
35, Queen's Road,
Hongkong.

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VICTORIA LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,026.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-DAY, the 29th instant, at 4.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1891. [2802

VICTORIA PRIORY.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the VICTORIA PRIORY will be held TO-MORROW, the 30th inst., at 5 for 5.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1891. [2798

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1892.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
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(in Liquidation).

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1891. [2797

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 30th inst., at DAYLIGHT, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1891. [2795

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1891. [a826

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"Justice," by Herbert Spencer.
"Experimental Science":—680 illustrations.
Confessions of a Nun, by Sister Agatha, very sensational. 85 cents.
Seas and Lands, by Sir Edwin Arnold.
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"TORRINGTON,"

Captain Berwick, will sail on or about the 31st inst., instead of as previously advertised.

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DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1891. [2723

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.
(VIA INLAND SEA.)

THE Steamship

"CARDIGANSHIRE,"

Captain Parsons, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 5th January, 1892.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1891. [2799

ST. ANDREW'S HALL.

THIS EVENING
(TUESDAY), DECEMBER 29th.

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GRAND CONCERT SOIREE,
BEETHOVEN-WAGNER,

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BACK SEATS $1.00

Box Plan with Messrs. KELLY & WALSH.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1891. [2779

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Company's Office, BANK BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at 4 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended October 31st, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 16th inst. to the 30th inst., both days inclusive.

W. H. WALKER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [2735

THE ANNUAL MEETING for SHAREHOLDERS advertised to be held on the AFTERNOON of the 30th instant is unavoidably POSTPONED to the Afternoon, 4 o'clock, of JANUARY 7th, 1892.

W. H. WALKER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1891. [2793

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING of the HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY will be held in the CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1892, at Noon. The Hon. J. J. KESWICK has kindly consented to take the Chair. All are cordially invited to be present.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1891. [2794

KIRIN BEER.

"I find the Beer to be a healthy, pure, and refreshing beverage, which can be most heartily recommended. The chemical analysis being most satisfactory, one is fully entitled to wish it the widest circulation."

E. BAELZ, M.D., Prof. Imp. University,
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"I have much pleasure in testifying to the quality and purity of the Beer. I can well recommend it as a Beer admirably suited for this climate."

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HENRY T. COX, Staff Surg. R.N.,
Naval Hospital, Yokohama.

Similar high testimonials have been received from Dr. GRAVATT, U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokohama; Dr. HALL; Dr. KLEFFEL, German Naval Hospital, Yokohama; Dr. TRIPLER, and other well-known Foreign and Japanese members of the Medical Profession.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1891. [2—159

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for Hongkong and China for the KINNEY BROS. New York branch of the AMERICAN TOBACCO (TRUST) COMPANY'S well-known brands of "SWEET CAPORAL," "STRAIGHT CUT," "FULL DRESS," &c., &c., CIGARETTES and TOBACCOS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1891. [1715

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FUNDS...£23,631,886

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [a1802

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1891. [a22

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 15 (SPECIAL).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE YANGTZE.

A SURVEY of a section of the SOUTHERN ENTRANCE to the YANGTZE, extending about 17 miles outwards from the SMALL KIUTOAN BEACON, which was completed on the 6th instant, proves that the "Middle Ground," shown on the British Admiralty Chart, No. 1,602, corrected to May, 1888, has extended bodily in a north-easterly direction to a distance varying from $\frac{3}{10}$ to $\frac{7}{10}$ of a mile, and in a north-westerly direction about 2 miles; while to the south-eastward it has joined with the flats extending from the south-western shore of the river.

Notice is hereby given, therefore, that, on or about the 4th JANUARY, 1892, the following changes will be made, to suit the alterations that have taken place in the channel:—

The Lightship *Kiutoan* will be shifted 2½ cables to the N. 37¼° E. of her present position, where she will be about $3\frac{4}{10}$ miles N. 68¾° E. from the Kiutoan Beacon.

The Middle Ground Lower Buoy will be shifted to a spot from which House Island Surveying Beacon bears N. 11° W. distant about $3\frac{1}{10}$ miles. This buoy in its new position will mark the south-western or port side of the channel entering. It will be painted black and surmounted with a black spherical cage.

The Middle Ground Upper Buoy will be shifted to a spot from which Kiutoan Beacon bears S. 12° W. distant about $2\frac{1}{10}$ miles, where it will mark the port side of the channel entering, and the north-western end of the long tongue or shoal into which the former Middle Ground has developed. This buoy will be painted black and surmounted by a black cylindrical cage.

A *red* conical buoy surmounted with a black spherical cage, and to be known as the South-east Knoll Buoy, will be moored [with Small Kiutoan Beacon S. 87° W. distant about $2\frac{4}{10}$ miles] off the outer or seaward end of the Southeasternmost of a line of knolls which are developing off the south-western side of Blockhouse Shoal. This buoy will mark the starboard side of the channel entering.

All bearings are magnetic.

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Coast Inspector's Office,
Shanghai, 21st December, 1891. [2790

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [2736

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1891. [2684

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents, with approval of the Consulting Committee, will on the 1st JANUARY, 1892, issue Interest Warrants of $5 per Share, payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, the same, being at the rate of 10 per Cent. per Annum on the paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1891.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
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Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1891. [2765

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(Dose for Adults 15 to 35 grains troy.)

Is the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty. To be had at every reputed Chemist and Druggist. Ask for Dr. KNORR'S ANTIPYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

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very old and high class. Each bottle contains an analyst's certificate. The Whisky is simply grand.
Price $12.75 per 1 dozen quarts.

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Price $9.25 per 1 dozen quarts.

INVALIDS' PORT,
Analysed and Certificated by Professor Cassall.
Price $12.75 per 1 dozen quarts.

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dry, clear, and of good flavour,
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Price $5.75 per 1 dozen quarts.

LIQUEUR,
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Price $24 per 1 dozen quarts.

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NOTICE.

THE departure of Steamship
"LYDIA,"
to YOKOHAMA and KOBE is POSTPONED until further notice.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th December, 1891. [2785

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1892.

FOR THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA,
E. L. HUNTER,
p. Manager, Hongkong.

FOR THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

FOR THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

FOR THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED,
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

FOR THE COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS,
L. GLENAT,
Acting Agent.

FOR THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
DE WESTLEY LAYTON,
Secretary.

FOR THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
A. B. McKEAN,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1891. [2775

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

WATERBURY WATCHES

(Most reliable and accurate Time-keepers.)
"E" SERIES
is now offered for
2 dollars 50 cents each.

Gentlemen's "J" SERIES at $4.75 each.

Ladies' "L" SERIES at $4.75 each.

Inspection is respectfully invited.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
8, Queen's Road, Central.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891. [2457

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION,
No. 514.

NOTICE is hereby given, That SEALED TENDERS will received at the COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Hongkong, till 3 o'clock on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, the 29th day of DECEMBER, 1891, for the purchase of the entire privileges known as the OPIUM FARM established under the Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891, for three years from MARCH 1st, 1892.

Full information as to Conditions of Tendering, &c., can be obtained from the COLONIAL TREASURER.

By Command,
W. M. GOODMAN,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 9th December, 1891. [2693

COMPANIA GENERAL DE TABACOS

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INTIMATIONS

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NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

MY SON, HENRY HUMPHREYS, was admitted into Partnership with me on the 1st day of July last.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891.

The BUSINESS heretofore carried on under the Name of JNO. D. HUMPHREYS will henceforth be Conducted under the Name of JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891. [2720

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. THOMAS FREDERICK HOUGH as a Partner in my business, which will henceforth be conducted under the Style or Firm of HUGHES & HOUGH.

E. JONES HUGHES.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1891. [2628

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has This Day established himself as AUCTIONEER and GOODS BROKER.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1891. [2662

BANKS.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, ...£1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED ....£ 500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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Chief Manager.

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Interest for 12 Months Fixed ......5 %
" " 6 " " ......4 %
" " 3 " " ......3 %
" Current Accounts ......2 %

For Rates of Interest for other periods apply to the Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1891. [2566

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4½ PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1891. [1827

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ....£2,000,000.
PAID UP ....£ 580,000.

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E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1891. [12

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL...............................$10,000,000
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SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 28, NAMYONG, British steamer, 984, Smith, Singapore 16th Dec., General.—BAN MOH.
Dec. 28, TRIUMPH, German steamer, 674, J. Bruhn, Haiphong 24th Dec., and Hoihow 26th, Rice.—ED. SCHELLHASS & Co.
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CLEARANCES.
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Bantam, Dutch str., for Singapore.
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Si-ngan, British str., for Swatow.
Ningpo, German str., for Shanghai.
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DEPARTURES.

Dec. 27, MEEFOO, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 28, BANTAM, Dutch str., for Batavia.
Dec. 28, BENLARIG, British str., for New York.
Dec. 28, GEN. WERDER, German str., for Yokohama.
Dec. 28, NINGPO, German str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 28, SI-NGAN, British str., for Swatow.
Dec. 28, STUTTGART, German str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 28, SIAM, British str., for Hoihow.
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Per *General Werder*, for Yokohama from New York.—Mrs. E. H. Gibbens, and Miss Gibbens. From Genoa.—Prof. O. Kellner, Dr. G. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell. From Hongkong.—Mr. Joh. Jark, Messrs. Lo Chee Cheong and Tan Kack Yim.

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IF the English take their pleasures sadly it may perhaps also be said that they take their troubles lightly. The past two years have been a period of very painful monetary stringency in the Colony, few have escaped the pinch of hard times, but the community has nevertheless steadily gone on increasing its expenditure on amusements. The report of the Committee of the City Hall shows that the rent received for the St. Andrew's Hall, Theatre, and Ball Room amounted during the year ended the 30th June last to $8,403. During the previous year the income from this source was $6,904, and during the year ended the 30th June, 1889, $5,273. It would seem therefore that Hongkong has not been so far depleted of cash as to be rendered incapable of enjoying itself or of paying for the fun. This steady addition to the income has placed the finances of the City Hall in a sounder position than they have hitherto held. On the 30th June, 1888, the balance in hand was $3,450, on the same date of 1889 it was $5,122, 1890 $8,478, and 1891 $11,364. As the institution has become better able to pay its own way the subscriptions have naturally declined, being only $760 last year as against $1,144 three years ago. It would seem that the period is approaching when the appeal for subscriptions may be altogether withdrawn and at the same time the usefulness of the institution be extended. On the latter point, however, the views of the shareholders will have to be considered. If the institution continues to show an increasing annual profit it will not be unnatural on the part of the shareholders if they begin to look for some return in the shape of interest or dividend, for when they provided the funds wherewith to erect the handsome structure they did so, not exactly as a free gift, but rather as an advance or loan, to be repaid when circumstances rendered it possible. With the lapse of time, the continual changes in the community, and the consequent forgetfulness or ignorance of the circumstances under which the City Hall was built, the sense of the obligation which the community owes to the shareholders has been almost completely lost sight of. While their generosity in the past may be taken as a guarantee that the shareholders are not likely to be exacting in the future, it is at the same time well to keep in mind the fact that they have a claim.

While recognising the shareholders' claim, however, the City Hall must be looked upon primarily as a public institution, and when its funds are increasing the question naturally suggests itself whether its usefulness could not also be increased. At the annual meeting last year the Chairman referred to the interest taken by the Chinese community in the museum, and went on to say that as an encouragement to the Chinese to take a greater interest in the institution, the Committee would have to take into consideration, when the funds allowed of it, the formation in connection with the library of a Chinese reading room where the Chinese newspapers could be seen, and which would contain a library of Chinese translations of Western literature. The idea of establishing a Chinese reading room is a good one, though the utility of such a room would no doubt be greater if it were located in the Chinese quarter of the town and conducted as a separate institution rather than in the City Hall. At the annual meeting last year reference was also made to the want of modern books of reference in the library. It did not transpire at yesterday afternoon's meeting that anything had been done in respect of either of the matters named. Nor would we be disposed to place these matters as the very first which should receive the attention of the Committee. The most urgent want seems to be the placing of current periodical literature on the tables of the reading room, the keeping of the room open during hours when it might be availed of by those who are engaged in business during the day, and, thirdly, the establishment of a circulating branch of the library. The difficulty in the way hitherto has been the want of funds. With regard to the provision of current literature, such as a few good weekly newspapers, including the illustrated and comic journals, $250 a year would practically cover what is required, and an item of that amount would not have seemed very startling in connection with the accounts for last year. The number of visitors to the reading room last year was 2,236, or an average of about seven a day, but with current literature on the tables and the reading room open at hours when it could be availed of there can be no doubt the number would be largely increased. At present there is very little inducement to visit the reading room, and at the hours when people might be induced to go it is closed.

It appears that the experiment of keeping the library open in the evenings from eight o'clock to eleven was tried in 1872, when the Government paid the expense of the gas consumed, but it proved a failure and the Committee came to the conclusion that it was useless to keep the library open to the public after sunset. That the experiment should have proved a failure under the circumstances is not surprising, but with current literature on the tables the result would probably have been very different, for reading rooms are frequented not so much for the reading of books as for the reading of newspapers. It must be borne in mind, too, that the European resident population has largely increased since 1872. Moreover, the hour selected for the 1872 experiment were probably not the most suitable. If a trial in this direction were to be made again it would be well simply to keep the reading room open until seven or half-past instead of closing it at five. It may be said that in Hongkong after business hours people seek outdoor recreation, but there are many who would be glad to spend half-an-hour in the reading room before or after their evening walk, and during the winter months, when tennis or other outdoor recreation is impracticable after six o'clock, the reading room would, there is every reason to believe, always be well filled between that hour and dinner time. In the summer, on the other hand, many people would look in to see the papers for half-an-hour before going for their walk. We have heard it remarked that in this colony people subscribe themselves for what papers they want, and that they have scarcely got through those arriving by one mail before the next mail comes in. This is true in a great many cases, but in conducting a public reading room it is not the merchant or professional man who has to be considered so much as those with very small salaries, and an element not to be lost sight of are the schoolboys. In all public reading rooms at home a large sprinkling of schoolboys may be found looking over the illustrated papers, and these, it need hardly be remarked, have a valuable educational influence. The number of persons in Hongkong to whom a public reading room well stocked with current literature would be a boon is every year increasing, and we hope soon to see the want supplied. In the City Hall we already have the room provided and the only outlay required is the small sum necessary to defray the subscriptions to the newspapers and periodicals and the cost of a couple of hours' gas per night. The question of providing a circulating library presents more difficulties, and if it is to be dealt with by the Committee of the City Hall it must perforce be allowed to stand over for the present, for although the state of the funds of that institution leads us to hope that the Committee may see its way to provide current literature for the reading room the amount in hand is hardly sufficient to warrant such a costly experiment as the establishment of a circulating library might prove to be.

The M. M. steamer *Sydney*, with the outward French mail, left Saigon yesterday morning at 11 o'clock for this port.

The P. & O. steamer *Canton* left Singapore on the 24th inst.; the *Nizam* left Bombay on the 25th; and the *Shanghai* left London on the 21st—all for this port.

The Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carlill & Co.) inform us that the steamer *Cardiganshire* left Singapore on the 27th inst. and is due here on or about the 3rd January.

A. S. Watson and Co., Limited, have issued their wall calendar and sachet calendar for 1892; both of which are tastefully executed. The sachet-calendar contains a good deal of useful local information, such as the scale of chair hire, tramway fares, etc.

At the Police Court yesterday Ram Sammy was charged by Emin Deen, the chief warder at the Gaol, with shooting at him with intent to do grievous bodily harm on the 26th inst. No evidence was taken in the case, which was adjourned until this afternoon.

A serious accident befel a seaman on Sunday night at the Seamen's Club, Queen's Road East. The unfortunate man was sitting on the rail of the verandah and lost his balance, falling heavily into the road below. When picked up it was found that he had fractured his collar bone, and his removal to the Hospital was necessary.

The 200 yards spoon at the Rifle Association's competition on Saturday was won by Lieut.-Col. Jerrard, not Inspector Mann, as stated in the report published yesterday.

There were 1,560 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, of whom 103 were Europeans. The Museum was closed on Friday and Saturday, those days being holidays.

The latest official reports on the rice-crop in the Ayuthia district, says the *Bangkok Times*, are to the effect that from one-third to one-half of the crops are being ruined for want of water, and by the worms.

An extensive fire occurred at Bangkok on the 13th inst. in which a large number of native houses were destroyed, the damage being estimated at $50,000. It was believed that several lives had been lost in the fire.

As will be seen from the advertisement in another column, choir practice, in connection with the farewell concert to be given to the A. & S. Highlanders, will take place this afternoon in the City Hall at half-past five.

The annual tea and meeting in connection with St. Peter's Church will be held this evening. Tea will be served in the Sailors' Home at half-past six and the meeting will commence at half-past seven in the reading room. The Bishop will preside.

The Agents (Messrs. Carlowitz & Co.) received a telegram yesterday from Cape St. James to the effect that the N. G. I. steamer *Bormida* has been towed to Saigon in a damaged state. The *Bormida* left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst.

Yesterday morning Mr. Wise awarded $5 to a Chinaman who jumped into the water from his sampan to effect the rescue of a woman whom he observed attempting suicide. In this he was successful and the woman was brought up at the Police Court charged with the attempt. After being duly cautioned she was dismissed.

The Band of the 1st A. and S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

March	"Daniel"	Moore.
Valse	"Les Sirenes"	Waldteufel.
Selection	"Rem. of all Nations"	Godfrey.
Cornet Solo	"The Lost Chord"	Sulliv.
Selection	"Rip Van Winkle"	Planquette.

The Christmas offertory at St. John's Cathedral, in aid of the establishment at Tokyo of an industrial home for girls rendered destitute by the recent earthquake in Japan, amounted to $204.42. Any further subscriptions will be gladly received and forwarded by the Rev. D. Hamilton, Acting Cathedral Chaplain, St. Paul's College.

A petroleum "pool" at Singapore has succeeded in raising the price from $1.62½ per case for Devoe's and $1.57½ for Russian in the beginning of October, to $1.95 and $1.90 respectively, being an increase of 32½ cents, or 20 per cent. The pool took over the local stock and the stock afloat "to arrive" from all its members at a fixed price and is now selling at fixed rates.

The Secretary of the Punjom Mining Company informs us that letters received yesterday from the mines report that the Jalis Mill was stopped at the end of last month, and cleaned up as follows:—147 ounces smelted gold from 282 tons crushed, equivalent to nearly 10½ dwts. per ton. Crushing was resumed on the morning of the 8th. This result shews an improvement on former crushings, the last being an average of only 9½ dwts. per ton. Mr. Blamey had been unwell for a few days, and was unable to send the usual report.

Herr Friedenthal, whose pianoforte recitals have provided such delightful musical treats upon two previous occasions, will this evening, assisted by Mrs. D. Gillies and Herr G. von Wille, give his last grand concert. The talented artiste has just returned from Macao, where his performances have been highly appreciated, and his final appearance this evening ought to attract a large audience. The programme is exceptionally attractive. The first part opens with the well-known *Sonato Appasionata* of Beethoven and includes also the cradle song of Greig. Part 2 is almost entirely devoted to Wagner, and such an opportunity of hearing the best of the great orchestral composer's works ought certainly not to be missed.

On the 24th instant a brilliant entertainment was given by the Governor of Macao and his wife. The salons of Government House had been elegantly decorated for the occasion, and there were present about sixty ladies and more than a hundred and fifty gentlemen. At half-past ten the first quadrille was danced, which was followed by a waltz. After this a concert was given in which Miss Howard, Senhora Maria Couto, and the celebrated pianist Mr. Albert Friedenthal took part. At midnight an adjournment was made to the Government House chapel for the Christmas mass. This concluded, champagne was served to the guests, who drank to the health of His Excellency the Governor, whose birthday it was. Dancing was then resumed and continued until five o'clock in the morning.—*O Independente.*

The steamer *Bangkok*, Capt. Mayer, which left Bangkok for Chaya on the 1st inst with a cargo of rice sent by H. M. the King for the relief of the inhabitants who suffered so by the recent typhoon, has returned. The people, says the *Bangkok Times*, were in a sad condition when she arrived there, the crops being entirely ruined and the fruit-trees all blown down. Very scanty supplies of fish and occasional herbs were all they had been living on, and as many were without shelter, and it was raining heavily day and night, the whole country being two or three feet deep in water, the miserable state of things may be imagined. The Relief Commissioners called up the officials of the villages and organised a system of immediate aid, every man, woman, and child receiving a bucketful of rice. The supply was estimated to last until about the end of this month, and further supplies will be necessary, as a considererable period must elapse before any crops can be raised. The behaviour of the sufferers during the severe trial is described as admirable.

The *Rangoon Gazette* of the 11th December says:—The local authorities at Momein are apparently somewhat annoyed at our having established a post on the Nampaung stream. It seems that some alarm has been caused among the common people, who have got it into their heads that the establishment of this post, taken in connection with the visit of the Commander-in-Chief and of General Stewart to Bhamo, can mean nothing less than a threatened invasion of China. Under these circumstances the Wun of Momein has written to the Deputy Commissioner asking that the troops may be withdrawn. The Deputy Commissioner has sent a polite answer explaining that he cannot withdraw the post, which has been estalished under the orders of Government, informing the Wun that the intention of establishing the post has been communicated to the Chinese Government at Peking, and dilating upon the advantages to trade which will result from the protection to be afforded to caravans by our posts at Manaung and Nampaung. The correspondence between the Wun and Deputy Commissioner has been couched in the most friendly terms, and there is believed to be no foundation whatever for a report which was received here on Wednesday that the Chinese had fired off some blank ammunition in the neighbourhood of the post. The strength of the garrison at the Nampaung post has been raised to 200 men, the same as that of the Manaung post.

H. E. Major-General Barker held a farewell inspection of the A. & S. Highlanders at Happy Valley yesterday morning. Shortly before the hour named the Regiment, under the command of Colonel Chater, were drawn up in double line across the Valley to receive the General. Major-General Barker arrived on the ground shortly after half-past nine and was received with a general salute. The men were then formed into companies, and headed by the pipes, playing "The Campbells are coming," marched past the saluting base. After this the men were formed into mass column and again marched past, this item being followed by a third march past of the whole in the same formation, but at the double. The men were then divided into two solid squares, and one having been stationed at the extreme end of the valley, the others were severely tested by a series of interesting manœuvres. A similar exercise was then gone through with the remaining half, after which a march past of the whole concluded the inspection. The extensive area and even surface of the valley lent itself admirably for such a practice, as was witnessed yesterday, and the highest praise deserves to be awarded to both officers and men for the account they gave of themselves, the former for the smart manner in which they handled the men, and the latter for the exceptional precision and admirable way in which they carried out the orders they received.

Sir William Robinson since his arrival has shown a laudable desire to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the Colony. If His Excellency had left his chair at home yesterday morning and taken a walk along Queen's Road he would have had an excellent opportunity of seeing the state of our principal thoroughfare in wet weather. There had been a little rain during the night and in the morning Queen's Road had an inch and a half of mud on it. In the afternoon, *mirabile dictu*, there were a few scrapers at work. This is an improvement which ought to be noted, but it would be more effective if the scraping were specially directed to keeping clean crossings at a few of the most important points.

Says the *Bangkok Times*:—The appointment of M. Pavie as *Chargé d'Affaires* for France at Bangkok has a political significance which cannot be misunderstood. It means that France has determined to see this Mekong dispute through to the end, and she imagines that the way to succeed is to be represented by a man who seems imbued with an unalterable idea that the Mekong exists really only for Cochin-China, just as Cochin-China was created solely for the purpose of buying French productions. It is quite amusing to read the journals published in Saigon and Haiphong just now. They teem with articles and reports on the Mekong question all set to the tune of the *Marseillaise*, and all beginning—"In 1867 the Delimitation Commission defined the French and Siamese boundaries." It is always the same—they never go behind the year of grace 1867, whether it be M. Delapore lecturing on the Colonies for which he used to be Under Secretary of State; M. le Baron Textor de Raviri, communicating further proof that the Siamese are trespassers on the river; or M. Pavie, advocating the annexation of everywhere. The fact that France pays twenty-five million francs yearly to keep things going in her present possessions, and that it has more than once been a matter for consideration whether she should not abandon them altogether, seems to have no significance on the policy of acquisition; they do not seem to have the sense to say, "We are losing on Cochin-China; don't let us increase our expenses by annexing the rest of the earth." On the contrary they are sending M. Pavie, who has shewn such acute symptoms of earth-hunger, to satisfy his appetite at the expense of Siam. We seldom prophesy, but we think it is safe to predict that such doubtful diplomacy will meet with failure.

On the 4th inst. a serious outbreak occurred at the Bangkok Gaol, which was only repressed by the military guard, with some difficulty. Twelve Sikh guards, we learn from the *Bangkok Times*, were engaged by the Government early in the week, and eleven of these were on duty at the time referred to. The prisoners, in batches of about three hundred each, were in separate sheds, having their suppers, and one of the Sikhs ordered a number of them to sit closer. They did not obey, and he used force to compel them, whereupon the whole of the gang of three hundred men attacked him and the other Indians, using as missiles the brickbats which composed the pathways. The Sikhs, who were only armed with long bamboos, ran towards the gate, receiving many wounds from the missiles hurled after them by the pursuing mob. At the wall they were brought to bay, and within a few seconds would probably have been killed, when a guard of twenty-four soldiers, who had hurried round from the adjoining guard-room, appeared on the broad parapet above, and were ordered to fire. They did so once or twice without causing the mob to retreat, but a succeeding volley was more effective, one prisoner being shot dead, another receiving a bullet in the chest with probably fatal results, and three others being wounded in the lower parts of the body. The rest fled at once, and were soon secured, reinforcements of military and police having arrived. One the Sikhs was apparently seriously injured internally, and all were bleeding considerably. Fortunately Dr. Willis, the visiting surgeon, was in the gaol at the time, so that aid was at hand. The Governor, Phra Apai, Luang Anumat Manpokit, Chief Inspector of the City Police, and many leading officials arrived in a few minutes, and order was promptly restored. Rifles had already been provided for the Sikhs, we understand, and would have been served out in a day or two, in which case, probably, the *emeute* would not have reached such serious proportions. As it was, only the close proximity of the strong military guard, and the alacrity with which they turned out, saved the men's lives.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB *v.* LIEUT. DUNDAS'S TEAM.

A football match as above under Association rules was played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The match as at first advised was the Club *v.* United Services, but this match fell through, and the above, which was more or less a scratch match, was played in its place. The Club were four short and their places were supplied by four substitutes from the Regiment, who rendered able assistance. A start was made shortly after half-past four, Dundas's team kicking off from the village end. The Club were the first to show to the front and within a few minutes of play scored their first goal. After this event for a time some very even though not particularly brilliant play was exhibited on both sides. Groom and Slade for the Club and Loring and Cay for the opposite team put in some very sound work, but no score resulted. Gradually Dundas's team, thanks to the good services of the two players just mentioned, ably seconded by Williams, gained a corner. Nothing resulted from this and some good back play on the part of Ezekiel and Wallace carried the ball out of danger for a time. Dundas's team, however, once more drove the ball back to the centre, and from this point Cay, with a splendid dribble, took the ball within five yards and planted a capital goal, thus equalising matters. Even play was again the rule, the Club having slightly the advantage, Groom making some capital runs, but failing to score, although some very near shots were made by him. Matters then turned in favour of Dundas's team and Watson and Loring made some capital shots at the Club goal. Luck, however, was not on their side, the ball in several instances going just over the crossbar. A long drive by Wallace was taken up by the Club forwards, who carried the ball well down the field with such good result that a shot from the left landed between the uprights, thus making two goals to the credit of the Club, while their opponents' score remained still at one only. Some very good attempts were made on the part of Dundas's team, but the score remained unaltered at half time. On play being resumed, Dundas's team began to act on the offensive and for some ten minutes play was almost entirely confined to the Club quarters. After about ten minutes' play, during which time Dundas's team had managed to gain three corners in quick succession, the ball having travelled about half way up the ground was smartly returned by Stewart and after a pretty piece of combined play Dundas's team scored their second goal. An appeal against the point on the ground of "off side" was not upheld by the umpire. With the exception of occasional relief owing to several good runs on the part of Atkinson and Groom, the play was still confined to the Club's quarters and the Club goalkeeper had rather a lively time of it. The goalkeeper, Anderson, however, aided by a good deal of luck, managed to prevent further damage and the game ended in a draw, each side having scored two goals. The following were the sides:—

CLUB:—W. V. Anderson, E. S. Ezekiel, W. H. Wallace, H. W. Slade, P. Groom, Balaal, J. M. Atkinson, and four others.

LIEUT. DUNDAS'S TEAM—Corpl. Inglis, C. Cay, Lieut. Jackson, Lieut. Loring, Pte. Stewart, Pte. Watson, Capt. Williams, Lieut. Dundas, Lane, Capt. Henderson, Lieut. Maclean.

THE CHARGE AGAINST MR. J. F. WEBBER.

John Francis Webber was brought up at the Police Court yesterday on remand before Mr. Wise, charged with perjury.

Mr. Dennys appeared for the prosecution.

Mr. Dennys—Your Worship, I do not propose to proceed with this case any further so far as my client is concerned.

His Worship—You mean to say that you have no further evidence to offer?

Mr. Dennys—I have none, your Worship.

His Worship—Very well, what have the Police to say regarding this case?

Detective-Sergeant Green—We have no further evidence to offer, your Worship.

His Worship—Under those circumstances I cannot detain the defendant any longer. He is discharged.

Defendant then left the Court.

THE CITY HALL.

The annual meeting of the shareholders in and the subscribers to the City Hall was held yesterday afternoon. Hon. J. J. Keswick (Chairman) occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs. H. Hoppins, H. L. Dalrymple, B. Layton, and H. L. Dennys (Secretary). The proceedings were purely formal, the report submitted being accepted without discussion.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, the report showing the present condition of the building and the uses to which various portions of it have been put during the year from July, 1890, to June, 1891, has been published, and from this it may be gathered that the usefulness of the institution, as shewn by the manner in which it has been availed of and from the increased receipts, has in no way diminished. The balance in the Bank to the credit of the City Hall on the 30th June amounted to $11,364.67, which is a satisfactory sum; but taking into consideration the extraordinary expenses which arise from time to time, and the obligation which your Committee feel to make the lighting of the building as good as possible, the theatre of course included, the balance of money in hand is none too large to meet the inevitable calls upon it. That the City Hall, which was opened in 1869, has fulfilled the principal objects of its founders in providing a suitable place of resort, entertainment, and convenience for many public purposes is evident, but the revenue from it has not been what had been hoped for, and it is to be regretted that we seem likely to be exposed to considerable legal expenses in consequence of the assumption by the Government of the foreshore rights of the property. It will be within the recollection of all present that the Committee felt it incumbent upon them to advance a claim upon the foreshore, which is now in course of reclamation. It had been a matter of some surprise that no communication whatever was made to the City Hall Committee in reference to the reclamation, as the property is held like any other Marine Lot, and they had no option but to commence a suit in the name of the only one of the Crown lessees still resident in Hongkong. As stated in the report, an application for an injunction to restrain the Government from proceeding with the reclamation was refused, stating, however, that if the City Hall had suffered it could be satisfied by monetary compensation, and the matter has been allowed to stand over, but will engage early attention. Marine Lot 82 is entitled to the same benefits under the Ordinance as are conferred on the other Marine Lots, and we consider that it should have been included in section 7 of the schedule published in the *Gazette* on the 7th of July, 1889. The building is in a very excellent state of repair throughout, and some improvements have been carried out in the theatre, chiefly as regards the stage; and I doubt if there is anything we could do further without having recourse to some structural change. That, however, we are not at present in a position to consider. I do not think there is anything else of interest to which I should refer which is not treated of in the report, and I shall therefore, with your permission, move the adoption of the report and the accounts unless there are any questions to be asked.

Mr. H. HOPPIUS seconded, and the report was unanimously received and adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SHAO-HSIEN.

15th December.

The simile drawn by "B" in the *Times*, as quoted by *London and China Express* (of October 23rd), is a ridiculous one, as there is no similarity between the "Salvation Army at Eastbourne and Missionaries in China" whatever, and the remarks by the *London and China Express* are equally absurd. To say that "the presence of the missionaries in China is distasteful to many, is a thorn in the Chinese flesh," goes for nothing. This is only saying in another form that "the presence of Foreigners in China is distasteful to the Chinese." The Chinese don't hate the missionary as a missionary, or as a religious teacher; only so far as he is a Foreigner does this feeling prevail. The Chinese have not a sufficiently clear apprehension of the force and energy of Christianity to hate it; not one in ten thousand, even of those who are called the *literati*, has any intelligent view of the truths taught by the missionary. The ordinary literary Chinaman plays on three strings to the crowds he wishes to inflame to mob violence: one is, "the missionary has no ancestral worship," another is, "the missionary's kidnapping of children and disembowelling the dead! the third is, "they bring the cursed opium to our country!!" Thus in his opposition to the missionary he has not a single intelligent argument to enforce. Now if anything will produce hatred, envy, and jealousy in the heart of a Chinaman towards Foreigners the touching of his pocket is that thing. He will suffer many things at the hands of outsiders quite patiently. Two Foreign religions are not only tolerated in China, but one of them is almost universally patronised. A Mahommedan is allowed even to take office, and that, too, to the highest rank in the empire. Ma, the Viceroy of Nanking, who was assassinated some years ago, was a staunch believer and follower of the False Prophet. The wives and sisters and mothers of mandarins, gentry, and *literati* are allowed perfect liberty to go and worship the Buddha of the West, and even the strong-minded ones amongst their males are often glad of the services of the priests and nuns of Buddha. They would even allow to-morrow an image of Jesus in their temples could they make money out of it. An impression is left on the minds of those Europeans and Americans who read those articles in the newspapers describing the "Present Situation in China" as though the missionaries were the whole and sole cause of the late disturbances and riots. It is not fair, it is dishonest in the face of so many indisputable facts brought so prominently before their eyes of late, for those writers to write in such a strain. Not to mention the "opium merchants," we will only speak of those articles which the Chinese people take kindly to from the Foreign merchants. The silk-weaving trade is being mined by the introductions of Foreign imitations of silk and satin goods, and the silk weaver can scarcely give the missionary a civil answer when he goes to see him at work with his rude but effective machine of many hundred years' standing. The oil merchant of China, in inland cities, is perfectly rude to us when we ask a few questions, and they detest us for the sake of the Foreign kerosine or paraffin merchant, who floods the country with his mineral oil. The simple cotton weaver curses the American drills and Manchester shirtings and those who bring them into the country. Even the tinder or punk dealers cry aloud against the match-makers and the match merchants. The dealers in brass ware are feeling the imports of tin ware. The *literati* now-a-days discard the red, green, and white candles of the native tallow-chandler and buy the wax candle from the hated Foreigner! The rice merchants declare that the Foreigner has outdone them along the coast by the easy and rapid mode of bringing rice by steamer conveyance, and the coast junkman has such a detestation of the steamer and its Foreign crew as to make him sometimes so egregiously sullen and stubborn that he will rather run the risk of being run down by the steamer than try to get out of its way; so intensely mad is he against steamers and their owners! Everywhere the missionary goes he meets with something introduced by the Foreign merchant that has greatly injured for the present native dealers and native artizans. The Foreign merchant at the Ports does not know how much he is indebted to missionaries for the defence of his trade and commerce. The missionary explains again and again how the great mass of the people are benefitted, and that the native dealers, tradesmen, and craftsmen will have their turn also, if they go in for such articles of import as the people take favourably to. In the meantime the anti-Foreign feeling is burning intensely in the breasts of those native dealers, shopkeepers, and handicraftsmen, and this feeling is communicated to the mass of the people—even to those who are the most benefitted by Foreign wares—when occasion requires that they shall be set on fire with antipathy to the hated yet dreaded Foreigner! It is unjust, then, in those writers of articles on "The Situation in China" to so manipulate their materials as to make it appear that the destruction of property, loss of life, mob violence and riots along the Yangtsze of late have all been brought about directly or indirectly by the ill-abused missionary; and he is coolly asked to "retire lest he does more harm than good!!!"

16th December.

The woman mentioned in a previous note as starving herself to death, and who was being worshipped as a goddess, is dead. Some smart but hard-up fellows seized the corpse and put it up in wax, and gave out that she was a "living Buddha!" And they were making a pretty penny out of the deluded worshippers when the *erh-fu*, or deputy prefect, came upon them and gave orders for the husband to come and take her corpse away. He did so, but, according to the practice of the Chu-ki people in such cases they threw her body into the river "for the fishes to feed on." Her husband and friends said "she was a wicked woman and did not deserve burial." A shocking end this to one so recently worshipped as a goddess.

At a large village about three English miles from this city, called Loo-kia-tsang, a man promised to give his daughter in marriage to the son of an old friend, who was very poor. Time went on, the girl grew up, but was kept at home with her parents. The family of the bridegroom grew impatient, and concluded that the delay was on account of their poverty, so they resolved to resent such perfidious conduct, and got a boat ready, and enlisted the sympathy and help of nine or ten of their clan. Then getting the go-between to go with them to point out the girl, they determined to carry her away by force. Having arrived at the place, they saw two girls about the same size and age washing rice at the water's edge. The middle-woman pointed with her finger towards the betrothed girl, who immediately ran away into the house to her parents. The men in the boat, not knowing which was which, in the hurry seized the girl that was left (who was the daughter of a neighbour), and hastened away with their prize, rowing with might and main towards their home. They had not gone far before they heard behind them in close pursuit such horrid yelling as made them tremble, and on looking behind they saw seven or eight fishing boats, each with eight or ten men in them. These hardy fishermen soon came up with these mistaken kidnappers, and seizing the girl they put her in one of the boats and conveyed her home. The rest seized their opponents, dragged them ashore into the Ancestral Hall of the Wang family, strung them up by their hands and gave them and the go-between a terrible beating. The go-between begged for pardon on the ground that she was compelled to come by the party of the bridegroom's family, and that it was by no means willingly on her part that she was present. The family of the stolen girl then mulcted the captured party in six tables of viands and a play for the benefit of the gods and villagers who had helped in rescuing their daughter out of the hands of these ruffians.

Orders have recently come from Peking to punish the Sui-tsais of Kwei-ki hsien, by depriving them of the privilege of going up to Hangchow to compete at the triennial examinations for Chü-jen, for nine years, or three successive *Ko's* or examinations. It appears that at the recent examinations for Chü-jen at Hangchow, the privilege of entering the Hall first properly belonged to the licentiates of the Kwei-ki hsien, the chief district of the eight situated within the prefecture of Shaohsing. The Nieh-tai who was acting as supervisor called over the roll in order, but, alas! the Kwei-ki licentiates had not yet arrived so the Judge called over the names of Lan-ing-hsien, the next in order. Before the roll was finished, the Sui-tsai's from Kwei-ki arrived, and demanded that the Lan-ing candidates should give place to them. The Nieh-tai told them they had waited some time for them, and asked why they were so late in coming? The Kwei-ki licentiates became quite ungovernable, and their numbers being large they hinted that they felt inclined to pull the Nieh-tai out of the Hall and give him a beating. But the presence of some troops of the Fu-tai's prevented further trouble. The Nieh-tai, who is the Provincial Judge, felt grossly insulted, and went into the Chu-k'ao or Chief Examiner, and informed him of the matter. The Chu-k'ao at once telegraphed or wrote to Peking, with the result I have mentioned above, namely, "Nine years cut off from competing at the Provincial Examination," and "the dismissal of the Kwei-ki hsien," who has been in this hsien for 12 years, and who was at Hangchow as "Tu'ng-k'ao Kwan" or associate examiner, at the time, with a severe reprimand for not having "his children" in order.

Ch'a Lao-yia at Hsing-hsien, who was specially sent there to suppress the local banditti, but who has signally failed to seize the leaders, and is most unreasonably threatened by the higher authorities with dismissal and disgrace, is, I hear, "daily vomiting blood," brought on by the severe mental and physical strain imposed upon him by the Governor of the province—another example of the Chinese proverb, "The big fish eat the little ones."—*Mercury* correspondent.

KOREA.

CHEMULPO, 11th December.

On the 25th ult. we had a heavy N.W. storm, which ushered in this year's winter for good; we have had as much as 10 deg. 3 Celsius below Zero already, and there is as much as five inches of ice on standing water, and if any should be wanted in Shanghai, we can supply your market for the next hot season to the fullest demand. The lower river, however, is clear of any ice, except floes, broken adrift elsewhere, or, at the utmost on the river banks, and the extensive mud flats on the coast, which, however, are generally cleared of it by every succeeding tide, when it is carried to the sea, or backwards and forwards. As you are aware our port is open to navigation all the winter round, and thus somewhat resembles Chefoo; but strange to say, although the weather is bitterly cold, between this place and Mapo, the nearest approach by river to the capital, the ice has not set yet, and the new river steamer *Soan Myeng* is still running, while her old rival, the *Yungsan*, is laid up for the winter. The people who put the new steamer on the river are not to be congratulated on her designs; she is far too small for the requirements of the river traffic, and has to shut out cargo and passengers constantly, and there is certainly room for several suitably built steamers, adapted exactly to the requirements of the river trade.—*Mercury* correspondent.

THE PSYCHICAL SOCIETY'S GHOSTS.

Before the Psychical Society published its inquiries, it might have been possible to hold that, as the *Spectator* puts it so late as July 28 of this year, "there are so very many well-attested accounts of telepathic visions at the moment of death," that their occurrence is "fully established." That impression had been produced in the minds of many people, and of the present writer among others, by the unverified traditions which you find in every private circle, and by the equally uncritical narratives of well-written books like Mrs. Crowe's "Night Side of Nature" and Owen's "Footfalls on the Boundaries of Another World." But the moment all this rubbish begins to be sifted, as in the present case by this Society, many of the most vivid and most influential stories fly off as not worthy to be retained even as material. And with regard to the residue, which the Society preserved as legitimately advancing its original aim, while they are no doubt "many" in number, there is not one more than on the ordinary principles of human nature might have been expected, while of the whole number no one was "well attested" except in the sense of testing the *bona fides* of the narrator. It will be remembered that Mr. Gurney, so far from believing that any one of his seven hundred narratives could be put forward as demonstrated, admitted to me that even all of them together—the whole cumulative collection—"was not put forward as a demonstration bound to be convincing to all candid students." And the Society's Council, as we have seen, followed up this by proclaiming that while some people thought wraiths and thought-transference to be then sufficiently proved, their own view was altogether different. But the question now is, which way has the proof gone during the subsequent years?

It is worth noting that during these years Mr. Podmore, the Secretary of the Society, and the able associate as well as successor of Mr. Gurney in its actual work, has published his belief that its investigations do not indicate any thought-transference or other communication between the living and the dead. He still holds telepathy to exist as between the living; but I suppose that he, like Mr. Gurney, has been influenced a good deal in that matter by the thought-transference *experiments* of which Dr. Myers some time ago frankly said, "We have not yet succeeded in experimentally obtaining thought-transference otherwise than between persons in close proximity." I have refused to take any notice of this region of experimental psychical research; but I wish once for all to say that it is not because I would throw any doubt upon its value. Many subjective phenomena—let me instance only trance and double consciousness as examples—require still to be very carefully watched; and the minutest "fallings from us, vanishings—blank misgivings" even, should be accurately observed and registered. Remembering, too, that while men have professed to doubt the existence of their own spirits, they have never questioned the proximity of other personalities around them, it may be worth while to inquire whether one embodied spirit can ever immediately influence the other—a question which in hypnotism is not even yet quite settled, after so many thousand observations or experiments. But the region with which I have here dealt is that not of experiment but of spontaneous thought-transference or spontaneous spirit-communication; an alleged fact which may undoubtedly be proved, and perhaps disproved, by testimony. On this matter I confess that in the controversy between Dr. Myers and Mr. Podmore I am inclined to take the side of the former. I do not see, that is, that there is in the Society's accumulations any spontaneous evidence for phantasms or intimations before death which might not equally be pleaded for the same phenomena having occurred after it. But there is for me no impossibility in either the one or the other. It is all a question of evidence.

And with regard to the only incidents in the Society's collections which can be tested by the public as a class, there is no difficulty in deciding how the evidence preponderates. For however much they differ among themselves, they agree in this, that these are all startling incidents. They are not like the obscure intimations which I have already put on one side, and which, "deep-seated in our mystic frame," must be groped after darkly and doubtfully, if they are to be found at all. Such obscure telepathies can scarcely be proved, or perhaps disproved. But it is otherwise with the stories which are here appealed to as evidence. These narratives are vivid and startling, and must have been startling before fulfilment, and when they occurred—if they ever occurred, as their narrators have got themselves to believe. The test I proposed is this; a startling experience is one which is likely to be recorded at the time. The very meaning of its being startling is that it strikes the mind as noteworthy, most of all if it is of such a nature as to point forward to a startling fulfilment. In such a case the chances are strongly in favour of some document existing; and we find, in point of fact, that of all other startling events in our time, whether public, domestic, or private, records do exist, generally in the form of letters. What is the inference, if the class of telepathic or wraith stories is uniformly distinguished from others equally starling, either by this class alone having no record at the time, or by its being invariably found impossible to produce the document even when it is part of the story that it was actually written? This is not a difficulty raised in the region of telepathy or philosophy; it is a mere application of the ordinary rules of common sense to the ordinary facts of testimony. And when I find that this, already the scandal of telepathy in 1887, has not been removed in the case of any one narrative down to year 1892, and that in the new stories it has rather persisted and increased, I fear that the representatives of the Society may soon come to have a very plain duty laid upon them. That duty will not be to discontinue experiment, or to deny any of their private convictions with regard to telepathy. But it may be to acknowledge that the more startling of the "spontaneous" incidents—those upon which they have mainly relied with outsiders, and which alone, indeed, have taken hold upon the public mind—should never have been passed as evidential. Such narratives, however honest, were in the view of Mr. Gurney probably false unless they were corroborated. What have Mr. Gurney's successors to say to the persistent absence during the last few years of the alleged documentary corroboration? Why should it be about as hard to get a letter from a Psychical Society as from a Mahatma?—A. Taylor Innes, in the *Nineteenth Century.*

LORD COLERIDGE'S ADVICE TO LITIGANTS.

Lord Coleridge's speech to the new Lord Mayor will, it is to be feared, cause the enemy to blaspheme. When the highest permanent exponent of the law so pointedly gives to would-be litigants *Mr. Punch's* advice to another class of the Queen's subjects, the cynical layman will be more inclined, with an arid smile, to take the advice. "It may be," said his lordship, "the men of London may prefer to have their causes settled quietly and inexpensively by some sensible and honourable man, who knows the nature of the business and may be trusted, to the enormous expenditure and endless delay which often follow the litigation of questions in Courts of law; and I must say that I think a man must have a most uncommon devotion to the 'science of the law' if he prefers that questions which Lord Mansfield and Lord Ellenborough left unsettled should be settled at his expense at a cost of hundreds or thousands of pounds, when his own individual case, which of course interests him beyond all other cases, may be decided by some sensible mercantile arbitrator in whom he has faith and confidence." Such language from the Lord Chief Justice, sixteen years after the great reform in our system which was supposed to have been effected by the Judicature Act, implies the existence of a grave scandal. Bentham held, and it is said that so conservative a mind as Lord Langdale's shared the opinion, that the administration of justice should be gratuitous. It is difficult to see how that result could be achieved without bringing even greater evils than expensive law, as there would be a temptation to magnify every trivial difference into an occasion of litigation.—*Law Journal.*

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

A new glass-like material which may be used for a great variety of purposes has been produced by Friedrick Eckstein, of Vienna. It is made by dissolving 4 to 8 parts of collodion wool in about 100 parts by weight of ether or alcohol, adding 2 to 4 per cent. of castor oil and 4 to 10 per cent. of rosin or Canada balsam, and drying upon a glass plate at a temperature of 120 deg. F. The compound soon solidifies into a transparent sheet, having substantially the properties of glass. It resists the action of salts, alkalies, and dilute acids, and has the advantage over glass of being flexible. It may be coloured or ornamented with printed designs. The addition of magnesium chloride reduces its inflammability, and zinc white gives it the appearance of ivory, adapting it for use for cuffs, shirt fronts, etc. Increasing the relative proportions of castor oil and rosin imparts to it the toughness and pliability of leather, and it may even be made into driving belts.

A new system of electrical signalling, for marine and general use, has been shown at the Royal Naval Exhibition by Mr. C. E. Kelway. A framework contains 54 incandescent lamps in 6 rows of 9 each, and wires connect the lamps to a keyboard, like that of a typewriter. On pressing the proper key the letter A is shown by the glowing of thirteen of the lamps arranged to form that letter. The other letters and the numerals respond in a similar manner when the corresponding keys are pressed, and messages spelled out may be read at a distance at night with great facility.

A company has been organized in Augsberg for the manufacture on a large scale of artificial silk, the invention of Dr. Lehner, a chemist. In appearance and elasticity, the product cannot be distinguished from the natural silk, its strength is two-thirds as great, and it costs only a fourth as much.

A fire in a spinning mill at Isenheim, Alsace, was extinguished by filling the building with steam. Much less damage was caused than if water had been used.

A German authority affirms that four-fifths of the steam engines in existence have been constructed within the last 25 years. France has 47,590 stationary engines, 7,000 locomotives, and 1,850 marine engines; Germany, 59,000 stationary engines and boilers, 10,000 locomotives, and 1,700 marine engines; Austria, only 12,000 stationary engines, and 2,800 locomotives. Excluding locomotives, the force of the steam engines of the United States reaches 7,500,000 horse-power; of those of England, 7,000,000; of Germany, 4,500,000; of France, 3,000,000; and of Austria, 1,500,000. At the beginning of 1890 the world's locomotives numbered 105,000, representing from 5,500,000 to 7,000,000 horse-power. The total horse-power of the steam engines and locomotives on the earth may be taken as 49,000,000. This represents the working capacity of more than 1,000,000,000 men, or double the number of workers in the world—the horse-power of an engine being estimated as equivalent to the power of three horses, and the power of a horse as equivalent to that of 7 men.

A German commission reports that no case of damage by lightning to a ship with wire rigging has been recorded, except in a few instances where continuous connection had not been made with the hull. With iron or steel hulls and wire rope rigging, the whole ship forms an excellent conductor to lead the electric discharge safely to the ocean. This fact exi

plains why it is that ships at sea suffer much less frequently from lightning now than in the days of wooden vessels.

A French bee-keeper has experimented with his bees as carriers of dispatches. One difficulty of the bee service is that the insects will not return over a distance of more than 2 or 3 miles.

Pipes of ramie fibre are made available for steam through hardening by tremendous hydraulic pressure. The finished pipe is 2¼ times as strong as steel, while remaining comparatively light.

A pressure of 1,200 atmospheres has been produced by M. Chabry by the electrolytic generation of gas in a closed iron sphere, the highest previous pressure having been 447 atmospheres.

This list of recently invented alloys is given by the Glasgow *Engineer*: Nickel-aluminium, composed of 20 parts nickel and 8 parts aluminium, used for decorative threads; zinc-nickel, composed of 90 parts zinc and 10 parts nickel, used as a pigment; nickel-hardlead, composed of 100 parts type-metal and 5 parts nickel, used for metallic types and for electros; platinide, composed of 60 parts platinum, 35 parts nickel, 2 parts gold, and 3 parts iron, used for crucibles and chemical utensils; roseine, composed of 40 parts nickel, 10 parts silver, 30 parts aluminium, and 20 parts tin, for jewellers' work; sunbronze, composed of 60 or 40 parts cobalt, 10 parts aluminium, 40 or 30 parts copper; metalline, composed of 35 parts cobalt, 25 parts aluminium, 10 parts iron, and 30 parts copper.

A physicians' cane is made with an electric lamp and a storage battery in its head, and serves many of the purposes of a lantern.—An electrical stop-watch has been tested in a bicycle race, where it determined the winner although he was only one-hundredth of a second ahead.—Edison's electric percussion drill can be worked at any distance up to 3 miles from the dynamo, and will bore 3 inches a minute into the hardest granite.—The new electric log is claimed to give much more reliable measurements of the speed of fast vessels than the ordinary apparatus.

An ingenious camera for photographing the internal organs of men or animals has been invented in Germany. It is cylindrical in shape, is contained in a rubber tube, and has two hemispherical shutters and two minute incandescent lamps. Pressing a pneumatic ball moves the camera forward in the tube, opens the shutters, and makes the electric light contact. Removing the pressure closes the shutters, puts out the lights, and replaces the camera.

In three cases of gastric ulcer reported by Dr. Hersley recovery has followed a diet of ice cream. The first patient, a woman of 35, had lost 25 pounds, and suffered great pain. At her desire, she was given from 1 to 3 quarts daily of ice cream for 2 months, when she had gained 24 pounds, and her ordinary diet was gradually resumed.

Hypnotism is simply a new name for mesmerism, stated Prof. Calderwood, of Edinburgh, in a recent lecture. The condition is one of lucid sleep. It is artificially induced, but not by anything in the nature of electricity or magnetism, and no influence emanates from the body of the operator. The result, in the opinion of the lecturer, may be attributed to the wearying of a single organ or line of nerve. The character of the mesmeric sleep is torpor, the cataleptic state, or the state of the somnambulist. Many, and perhaps all, people are liable to it, but not against their will. The operator cannot regulate the actions of the patient, but must make the suggestion clear to his subject, who interprets and applies it for himself. The study of hypnotism for the cure of disease and as an anaesthetic is desirable, but public exhibitions should be forbidden by law.

There are reasons for supposing that some optical disturbance, similar to that which produced the wonderful sunsets following the Krakatoa eruption, has recently been present in the atmosphere. Sunsets of more than ordinary brilliancy were reported last winter, and Herr Busch now finds, from a record of polariscopic observations kept for some years, that the air in February and May last was really different optically from that of the previous three years, and more nearly like that of 1886. Of the beginning, extent, and cause of this last disturbance nothing is known.

A new Parisian paving consists of pieces of split oak, about 4 inches long, stood on end in fine sand on a 4-inch bed of gravel. A layer of fine sand is spread over all, and alternately beaten and watered several times. The swelling of the wood, after about two days, is claimed to produce a perfectly compact and homogeneous mass, which will support any traffic.

It is said to be a fact, though not generally known, that the light of the sun and the moon exercises a deleterious effect on knives and other edge tools.

While rain-producing experiments have been in progress in America, scientific men in Europe have been studying to influence the weather in a very different way. Around Tarbes, a district of France, serious damage to crops and vineyards has been caused for many years by a number of violent storms of rain and hail annually. To avert these disasters, the director of the observatory on the Pic du Midi has arranged a series of high poles, surmounted by cups of metal and connected by wires, on the hills about the district. It is hoped that this arrangement may reduce the severity of the storms by lessening the electrical tension of the clouds.

In demonstrating that sulphur, which melts at about 240 deg. Fahr., can be cooled in paper, M. Charles Lepierre used a lithographed card, and was surprised to find that the lithographed characters remained firmly imprinted upon the cooled sulphur. In subsequent experiments he has obtained very fine impressions. The sulphur may be made to receive designs, especially maps and charts, in graphite or coloured crayons, and in writing, typographical, lithographic, and other inks.

A new artificial honey, called "sugar honey," bids fair to become a formidable rival of the natural product. It consists of sugar, a small proportion of mineral salts, water, and a free acid. In taste and smell it closely resembles the genuine honey.

A cat born with two legs has been described by a Roumanian naturalist. It walks with the body in normal position, but when startled or watching it raises itself to the attitude of a kangaroo, with its tail as a support. Of its four kittens, two have had two feet, and the others four.

The first iron bridge built in 1778 still spans a little river between Worcester and Shrewsbury, Eng. It is about 96 feet long, and weighs 378 tons.

Paris is credited with no fewer than 145 medical and 8 pharmaceutical journals, all others numbering only 161.

A German writer refers to the fact that honey in its natural state will keep for years, but quickly ferments after being purified. Raw honey appears, therefore, to contain some volatile preservative. Investigation proves that such is really the case, and that the ingredient is formic acid, which also gives rise to the inflammation from the stings of bees and wasps. It was formerly supposed that this acid merely served the insects for self-protection, but it is now known that it also preserves the honey in the comb. An oft-verified observation is that the more frequently bees have been enraged the more harsh and bitter is their honey, and this is because the bees run out their stings when angry, and at the same time deposit a drop of formic acid.

Among the achievements of the camera has been the detection of skin disease before the eye could discover any symptoms. A later and even more striking feat is the location of tumours on the brain by instantaneous photography. A tumour on the brain causes violent spasms by pressing on a nerve centre, and while the patient is in the midst of a spasmodic attack he is photographed, the nerves affected are determined by the pictured contortions, and the tumour is readily located.

Europe has five "proving houses," for testing fire arms. They are located at Birmingham and London, Eng.; St. Etienne, France; Fellah, Austria; and Liege, Belgium. The last named is the largest establishment of its kind, and consumes annually between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 cartridges and over 40 tons of gunpowder.

France has 1,102 mineral springs, of which 1,027 are used. Of these, 319 are sulphurous, 354 are alkaline, 135 are ferruginous, 319 of various sorts, some containing common salt, others sulphate of sodium, and a third group sulphate of lime.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY, 28TH DECEMBER.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
- Telegraphic Transfer 3/0¾
- Bank Bills, on demand 3/0¼
- Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/1
- Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/1¼
- Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/1½
- Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 3/1½

ON PARIS.—
- Bank Bills, on demand 3.89
- Credits, at 4 months' sight 3.97

ON GERMANY.—
- On demand 3.12

ON NEW YORK.—
- Bank Bills, on demand 74¾
- Credits, 60 days' sight 76

ON BOMBAY.—
- Telegraphic Transfer 220¾
- Bank, on demand 221

ON CALCUTTA.—
- Telegraphic Transfer 220¾
- Bank, on demand 221

ON SHANGHAI.—
- Bank, at sight 72
- Private, 30 days' sight 72¾

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate....6.39

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks—		
Hongkong & S'hai.	$125	169 p.ct.pm. buyers $336.25, sales
China, Japan, &c.	£1.5	£13½
Do. New Issue	£1.5	£13, buyers
Do., Founders	£1	£115
Nat. Bank of Ch...		
A. Shares	£2	nom.
B. Shares	£4	37 p. ct. dis.
Foun. Shares	£1	$230, sellers
New Oriental	£10	£10
Brown & Co., H. G.	$50	$40, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co.	$10	$10, nom.
China Borneo	$55	$10, sellers
China Sugar	$100	$175, sellers
Chinese Loan '84 C.	$500	Par. buyers
Chinese Loan '86 E.	Tls. 250	Tls. 277½
Cruickshank & Co.	$50	$40, nom.
Dairy Farm Co.	$10	$8, sellers
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	$25	$15, buyers
Green Island Cement	$50	$10, sellers
H. Brick & Cement	$21.50	$15, nom.
H. & C. Bakery	$50	$76, nom.
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	$120
Hongkong Electric	$8	$5
H. H. L. Tramways	$100	$65, sellers
Hongkong Ice	$25	$80, sellers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	$50	$62, buyers
H. Steam Laundry	$50	nom.
Hongkong Rope	$50	$112, buyers
H. & W. Dock	$125	81 p. ct. pm. $226.25, buyers
Hotels—		
Austin Arms	$50	$8, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	$50	$65, sellers
Do. New Issue	$25	nom.
Shameen	$15	$10, nom.
Insurances—		
Canton	$50	$107, buyers
China Fire	$20	$91
China Traders'	$25	$62, sellers
Hongkong Fire	$50	$325, sellers
North-China	£50	Tls. 260, buyers
Singapore	$20	$11, sellers
Straits Fire	$20	$16½, buyers
Straits Marine	$20	$13
Union	$25	$92
Yangtsze	$100	$161, buyers
Labuk Planting	$50	$4, sellers
Land & Building—		
H. Land Investm't	$50	$73, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	$30	$10, buyers
Peak Building	$13	nom.
Humphreys Estate	$100	$200, nom.
West Point Buildg.	$40	$25
Luzon Sugar	$100	$52
Mining—		
Balmoral Gold	$10	$1, sellers
Charbonnages	$131.58	$400, sellers
Imuris	$6.31	$3½, buyers
Jelebu	$5	$4½
Punjom	$10	$2, buyers
Raubs	17s.11d.	60 cts. sellers
Selama	$5	$1, sellers
Do.	$2	30 cts. buyers
Steamship Coys.—		
China & Manila	$50	$45, sellers
Douglas S.S. Co.	$50	$88, buyers
H., Canton, & M.	$20	$35, sales
Indo-China S. N.	£10	25 p. ct. dis.
Steam Launch	$30	$30, nom.
W'chai Wareh'se Co.	$37½	$37½ nom.
Watson & Co., A. S.	$10	$18½, sales

E. & S COXON,
Share Brokers.

OPIUM.

	Per Picul.	Allow'ce.
New Malwa	$490	1 to 6½ cat'es.
Old Malwa	$520	2½ to 4½ "
Older Malwa	$530	2½ to 4 "
Oldest Malwa	$540	2½ to 4 "
Patna (New)	$487½	per chest.
Patna (Old)	$505	"
Benares (New)	$462½	"
Benares (Old)	$485	"

THE WEATHER.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

27TH DECEMBER, AT 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer red. to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours
Wladivostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	30.16	—	—	S	2	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	30.44	51	49	S	2	b	—
Foochow	30.41	57	87	W	1	omr	—
Amoy	30.35	61	82	SW	2	or	—
Anping	30.29	71	—	NE	2	c	—
Swatow	—	—	—	N	1	o	—
Hongkong	30.30	61	77	—	0	or	—
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	ENE	4	—	—
Canton	30.25	56	94	N	2	or	—
Macao	30.32	60	88	WNW	2	cd	—
Hoihow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haiphong	30.35	64	69	—	0	op	—
Bolinao	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cape S. James	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28TH DECEMBER, AT 10 A.M.							
Wladivostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foochow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	30.30	59	88	W	1	od	0.15
Anping	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	30.32	64	—	—	0	og	—
Hongkong	30.33	64	80	—	0	o	0.26
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	S	5	—	—
Canton	30.29	57	57	NNW	1	og	—
Macao	30.33	64	89	N	1	c	—
Hoihow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haiphong	30.28	59	89	N	—	o	—
Bolinao	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cape S. James	—	—	—	NE	3	o	—

Barometer falling. Gradients very moderate for N. winds. Weather overcast, mild, and damp. (Issued at 11.7 a.m.)

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.30	30.33	30.19
Temperature	61	64	67
Humidity	77	80	73
Direction of wind	—	—	—
Force	0	0	0
Weather	or.	o.	o.
Rain	—	0.28	—

Highest open air temperature on the 27th 66
Lowest open air temperature on the 27th 59

1—BAROMETER reduced to 32 degrees Fahr. at sea level.
2—TEMPERATURE in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3—HUMIDITY in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4—DIRECTION OF THE WIND to two points.
5—FORCE OF THE WIND according to Beaufort Scale.
6—STATE OF THE WEATHER: b. blue sky; c. detached clouds; d. drizzling rain; f. fog; g. gloomy; h. hail; l. lightning; o. overcast; p. passing showers; q. squally; r. rain; s. snow; t. thunder; v. visibility; w. dew (wet).

W. DOBERCK.
Hongkong Observatory, December 28th, 1891.

MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER, DEC. 28TH.
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SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer *Triumph*, from Haiphong 24th Dec. and Hoihow 26th, had strong N.E. gales and high sea.

The British steamer *Chowfa*, from Bangkok 18th Dec., and Hoihow 26th, had strong N.E. monsoon with high sea.

The British steamer *Namyong*, from Singapore 16th Dec., had moderate to fresh N.E. winds to lat. 12 deg. N.; thence strong winds from N. and E. to lat. 15 deg. N.; strong gale and heavy sea from N. and E. between lat. 12 deg. N. and 14 deg. N. on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th; thence fresh N.E. winds and heavy sea to port.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & RIG.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	Ajax	Brit. str.	Rawling	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow.
LONDON VIA PORTS OF CALL	Pingsuey	Brit. str.	Jacques	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
LONDON VIA PORTS OF CALL	Moyune	Brit. str.	Kemp	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	On or about 11th Jan.
LONDON VIA SINGAPORE &c.	Ningchow	Brit. str.	Allen	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	On or about 18th Jan.
BREMEN & PORTS OF CALL	Stuttgart	Ger. str.	Schuckmann	Melchers & Co.	On 16th Jan., at 3 P.M.
MARSEILLES, VIA SAIGON, &c.	Melbourne	Fren. str.	Bevilaqua	Messageries Maritimes	On 30th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE, LONDON, H'BURG, &c.	Monmouthshire	Brit. str.	Cuming	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On or about 18th Jan.
VANCOUVER, VIA S'HAI., &c.	Empress of Japan	Brit. str.	Lee, R.N.R.	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA Y'HAMA, &c.	China	Amer. str.		P. M. S. S. Co.	On 12th Jan., at 1 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA Y'HAMA, &c.	Gaelic	Brit. str.		O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 31st inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Sikh	Brit. str.	Rowley	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On or about 12th Jan.
NEW YORK	Comet	Ger. sh.		Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Martha Davis	Amer. bk.	Pendleton	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	R. R. Thomas	Amer. sh.	Nickels	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Tsinan	Brit. str.	Allison	Butterfield & Swire	On 2nd Jan.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Airlie	Brit. str.	Ellis	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	On 5th Jan., at 4 P.M.
STRAITS & BOMBAY	Bormida	Ital. str.	G. Susini	Carlowitz & Co.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, &c., VIA INLAND SEA.	Cardiganshire	Brit. str.	Parsons	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On or about 5th Jan.
NAGASAKI, KOBE, & Y'HAMA.	Torrington	Brit. str.	Berwick	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On or about 31st inst.
SHANGHAI VIA AMOY	Nestor	Brit. str.	Thompson	Butterfield & Swire	To-day.
SWATOW, AMOY, & TAMSUI	Formosa	Brit. str.	Hall	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON VIA PORTS OF CALL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PINGSUEY,"

J. C. Jacques, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 26th December.

For Freight apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1891. [2608

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW, and PORTS on the YANGTSZE).

THE Company's Steamship

"NESTOR,"

Captain Thompson, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 29th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 26th December, 1891. [2787

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"AJAX,"

Captain Rawlings, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 30th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 26th December, 1891. [2643

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN,"

W. N. Allison, Commander, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 2nd January, 1892.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins are situated forward of the Engines. Second-class Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1891. [2752

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY. THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
CHINA ....TUESDAY Jan. 12
CITY OF PEKING ....THURSDAY Feb. 4
CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO...FRIDAY Feb. 26

THE U. S. Mail Steamer "CHINA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO VIA YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 12th JANUARY, 1892, at ONE P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.
To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O. $225.00
To Liverpool and London $325.00
To Paris and Bremen $345.00
To Havre and Hamburg $335.00

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers.

RATES OF PASSAGE TO OVERLAND CITIES. FIRST CLASS.

DESTINATION	30 day Tickets.	Continuous Trip Tickets.
Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Neb.	285.00	
St. Louis, Mo.	292.50	291.50
St. Paul, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn.	292.90	
Chicago, Ill.	297.50	295.00
Milwaukee, Wis	299.50	295.00
Cincinnati, Ohio.	302.30	301.50
Columbus, Ohio	304.25	304.20
Detroit, Mich	304.95	302.75
Cleveland, Ohio	306.55	305.00
Toronto, Canada	309.95	307.45
Pittsburg, Penn	310.25	307.00
Niagara Falls, N.Y., Buffalo, N.Y.	311.00	308.50
Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md.	317.90	311.75
Montreal, Canada	319.75	313.00
Philadelphia, Penn.	319.75	312.0
New York	319.75	315.00
Boston, Mass	321.15	317.00
Portland, Maine	327.25	317.00

All the above Rates are in Mexican Dollars.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers by this line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific, or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Return Tickets.—First Class.—Prepaid return tickets to San Francisco will be issued at following rates:—
4 months $337.50
12 " $393.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. from Return Fare. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1891. [3

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A. II. American Ship

"R. R. THOMAS,"

P. B. Nickels, Master, will load here for the above port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1891. [2748

VESSEL ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA;
ALSO,
LONDON, HAVRE, AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th December, 1891, at NOON, the Company's Steamship "MELBOURNE," Commandant Bevilaqua, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 29th instant. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [2

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE; VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
GAELIC ....THURSDAY ...Dec. 31
BELGIC ....SATURDAY ...Jan. 23
OCEANIC (via Honolulu)..TUESDAY ....Feb. 16

THE Steamship "GAELIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st, Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

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All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1891. [4

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG. PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

ON SATURDAY, the 16th day of January, 1892, at 3 P.M., the Company's Steamship "STUTTGART," Captain W. v. Schuckmann, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till 5 p.m. on the 15th January. Cargo will be received on Board until 1 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 10 A.M. on the 16th January. (Parcels are not to be sent on Board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1891. [7

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA
(FLORIO & RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND BOMBAY, having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES (LEGHORN), and GENOA; all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO. Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

THE Company's Steamship

"BORMIDA,"

Giuseppe Susini, Master, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 5th January, 1892, at NOON.

At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1891. [6

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLIE,"

Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 5th January, 1892 at 4 P.M.

This well-known steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has large Cooling Chambers, thus ensuring a supply of Fresh Meat, Milk, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1891. [2761

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA PORTS OF CALL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MOYUNE,"

C. H. Kemp, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 11th JANUARY, 1892, instead of as previously notified.

For Freight and Passage apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1891. [2682

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON HAMBURG, AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE,"

Captain Cuming, will be despatched as above on or about MONDAY, the 18th of January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 26th December, 1891. [2594

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE, CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

EMPRESS OF JAPAN	Tuesday	5th Jan.
EMPRESS OF CHINA	Tuesday	2nd Feb.
EMPRESS OF INDIA	Tuesday	2nd Mar.

THE R. M. S.

"EMPRESS OF JAPAN,"

5,900 tons, Captain Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 5th JANUARY, 1892, with Her Majesty's Mails, will proceed to VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
(In Mexican Dollars).
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

TO	One Way Fares	Prepaid Return 4 Mos.	Prepaid Return 12 Mos.
Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, B.C.; Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Wash; Portland, Ore., San Francisco.	225	338	394
Banff, Calgarry, Alba.	255	383	874
Winnipeg, Man	275	413	482
To Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Minn	285	428	499
Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo; Milwaukee, Wis	295	443	517
Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, O.; Hamilton, London, Toronto, Ont.; Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y.	305	458	534
Kingston, Ottawa, Ont., Montreal, Quebec, Que.; New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, N.Y.; Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Pa.; Washington, D.C., Boston, Mass., Portland, Me.; Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B.	310	465	543
Liverpool and London via Liverpool	325	575	650
Paris, via Liverpool and London	345	not issued	
Havre, via Liverpool	335		
Bremen, " "	345		
Hamburg, " "	335		

2nd class steamer and 1st class on rail, and 2nd class steamer and rail, also Steerage Fares and Rates to other places, quoted on application.

The Steamers call at Victoria to land and embark Passengers.

Return Tickets.—Time limit for prepaid return ticket is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarking at Vancouver.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all Trans-Atlantic lines of steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China or Japan, and to Government officials.

CARGO.—Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Points.

CONSULAR INVOICES of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. BROWN, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, C. P. R., Vancouver, B.C.

PARCELS must be sent to our Office with address marked in full by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Commercial Agents,
E. HOLLOWAY,
General Agent.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1891. [8

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK (VIA SUEZ CANAL).

THE Steamship

"SIKH,"

Rowley, Commander, will sail on or about the 12th January, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 26th December, 1891. [2418

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I.I. German Ship

"COMET"

will load here for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 23rd November, 1891. [2579

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I.I. American Bark

"MARTHA DAVIS,"

Pendleton, Master, now due, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight apply to
SHEWAN & CO.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1891. [2638

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"DIOMED"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after TO-MORROW.

Goods undelivered after the 26th instant will be subject to Rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 28th inst.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1891. [2749

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"LYDIA,"

Captain Th. Förck, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Any cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th instant, at 4 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1891. [2767

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "PATHAN."

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 30th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th instant at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1891 [2730

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "STUTTGART."

FROM BREMEN AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M. TO-DAY, the 27th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 2nd January, 1892, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 31st December, at 4 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 3rd January, 1892, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1891. [7

E. KRESSMANN, BORDEAUX.

THE Undersigned hold stock of this Firm's well-known brands of

CLARETS:

	per case of 12 qts.	per case of 24 pts.
Medoc	$ 5.25	$ 6.25
St. Julien	$ 6.00	$ 7.00
Margaux Medoc	$ 8.00	$ —
Château Lafon Rochet St. Estèphe 1883	$11.50	$12.50
Moulis Brillette, Medoc 1880	$12.25	$ —
Château Lamorère Moulis 1878	$14.25	$ —
Château Latour, Second vin 1880 mis en bouteilles au Château	$17.75	$ —
Château Léoville Barton 1880	$20.50	$ —
Château La-Lagune 1875	$24.75	$ —
Château Calon Ségur, St. Estèphe 1875	$26.00	$ —

SIEMSSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 20th October, 1891. [2563

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STUDIO—ICE HOUSE LANE [81

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS, will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crews of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

CICERO, Brit. str., George—Butterfield & Swire.
COMET, Ger. ship, Krippner—Order.
EDENDALE, Brit. str., Robt. Humphrey—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
SOKOTO, Brit. ship, Vaughan—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
VELOCITY, Brit. bk., R. Martin—Chinese.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Wingsang*, from Calcutta, left Singapore at 4 p.m. on the 22nd and is due here on the 29th inst.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Co.'s steamship *Sydney*, with the French mail of the 27th November, left Saigon at 11 a.m. on the 28th, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 31st December. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on October 21st.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Guthrie* left Port Darwin on the 22nd and is due on the 31st inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 17th December, and is due here on or about the 7th January.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The M. M. steamer *Melbourne* left Shanghai at 10 a.m. on Saturday and is due here to-day.

The steamer *Torrington* left Singapore on the — and is due on the 29th inst.

The China Mutual steamer *Moyune*, from London and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 20th and is due here on the 29th inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Teucer* left Singapore on the morning of the 20th and is due on the 29th inst.

The Ben Line steamer *Benvenue* left Singapore on the 20th and is due on the 29th inst.

The P. & O. steamer *Canton* left Singapore on the 24th, and is due here on the 31st inst.

The German steamer *Niobe* left Singapore at 3 p.m. on the 25th December and is due on the 1st January.

The Shire Line steamer *Cardiganshire* left Singapore on the 27th December and is due on or about the 3rd January.

The China Mutual steamer *Kintuck* passed the Canal on the 16th inst.

The P. & O. steamer *Nizam* left Bombay for this port on the 25th inst.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

PEAK DELIVERY closes at Post Office at 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. or in Letter Boxes in the Cars by 12 and 3.30 o'clock Trams. Letter Boxes at Peak will be cleared at 12.30 and 4 p.m.

The Postal Guide for 1891, revised to date will be found in the *Chronicle and Directory* p. XXVI. This is the only authorised complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Saigon.—Per *Holstein*, to-day, the 29th inst., at 4.30 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui.—Per *Formosa*, to-day, the 29th inst., at 5.00 P.M.

For Yokohama and San Francisco.—Per *Gaelic*, on Thursday, the 31st inst., at 12.30 P.M.

For Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Empress of Japan*, on Tuesday, the 5th January, at 11.30 A.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Melbourne* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, with Mails for the United Kingdom Europe, and places beyond, *via Marseilles*; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, the Australasian Colonies, Pondichéry, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes, Coin, or Jewellery, and, where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS,
When the Packets leave at Noon.

The following hours will be observed in closing the mails for Europe, &c., by the English and French Packets, when they leave at Noon. The Money Order Office will be closed at 5 P.M. the day before.

8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.

(Prices Current and Circulars may however be posted up to 10 o'clock if they are tied in bundles country by country, with the addresses all one way.)

10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases.

10.30 A.M.—Posting of newspapers, books, and patterns ceases.

11.00 A.M.—Mail closes.

LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) *with 10 cents late fee* up to 11.30 A.M. after which hour they may be sent on board with the same late fee.

INSURANCES

PHŒNIX FIRE OFFICE

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Agents for the Phœnix Fire Office.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [17

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong 16th July, 1887. [80

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1870.
HEAD OFFICE,—Hongkong.
CAPITAL TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	$ 400,000
RESERVE FUND	748,590
CLAIMS PAID	848,000
BONUSES PAID	461,000

RISKS accepted at CURRENT RATES OF PREMIA.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1891. [913

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877 IN HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS, against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [213

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [16

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN, & Co.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [840

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG
CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED), $1,000,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LUM SIN SANG, Esq.

BAN HUP, Esq.	YOW CHONG PENG, Esq.
CHAN LI CHOY Esq.	Q. HOI CHUNE, Esq.

The Company GRANTS POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, payable at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are payable to all Contributors of Business, whether they are Shareholders or not.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, Queen's Road West,
Hongkong, 14th March, 1881. [8144

TO LET

THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

THE SECOND FLOOR of No. 11, PRAYA EAST, consisting of 5 Rooms and 2 Bath-rooms with Servants' Quarters, at $50 per month including taxes.

Or in flats. Of 3 ROOMS with Bathroom, at $35 per month;

Of 2 ROOMS with Bathrooms, at $25 per month;

Apply to

MEYER & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1891. [2670

TO LET,
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

THE DESIRABLE RESIDENCES CRAIGELLACHIE, BONHAM ROAD. STOWFORD, BONHAM ROAD.

Apply to

LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 25th June, 1891. [1532

TO LET.

NO. 5, WEST TERRACE. Immediate entry.

Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1891. [2583

TO LET.

FIVE ROOMS on the Upper Floor of the ICE COMPANY'S PREMISES in ICE-HOUSE LANE, and 3 LARGE OFFICES on the First Floor.

Apply to the Manager at the Depot, or to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th June, 1891. [1094

TO LET,
FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1892.

THE DESIRABLE RESIDENCE, No. 5, VICTORIA VIEW, Kowloon Point. Five Rooms. Basement, 8 feet high. With Tennis Court. Water laid on.

Apply to

W. BREWER,
Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1891. [2609

TO LET,
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

THE HOUSE "CREGGAN" at the PEAK. Best position.

Apply to

M. S. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1891. [2603

TO LET.

ROOMS in PEDDER'S STREET, FIRST FLOOR, suitable for Offices.

Apply to

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.,

Hongkong, 20th November, 1891. [2562

TO BE LET,
POSSESSION ON THE 1ST DECEMBER, 1891.

THE HOUSE "ROCKLANDS" on ROBINSON ROAD.

For particulars, apply to

THOS. HOWARD,
13, Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1891. [2552

TO LET.

RESIDENTIAL FLATS AND GODOWN, BLUE BUILDINGS.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1891. [2538

TO LET.

"RAVENSHILL" on the ROBINSON ROAD, lately in the occupation of C. D. Bottomley?, Esq. 6 Rooms, 3 Bath and Dressing Rooms, &c.

Apply to

W. WOTTON.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1891. [2669

TO LET.

TWO Commodious 4-Roomed HOUSES known as WEST END TERRACE. Rent moderate.

Apply to

SPANISH PROCURATION.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1891. [2472

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

KOWLOON.

A FEW HOUSES in KNUTSFORD TERRACE, containing 5 Rooms each and Bath Rooms. Tennis Courts. Healthy situation. Cheap Rent.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 7th August, 1891. [1875

TO BE LET.

"KOWLOON POINT," approaching completion, in suites or single rooms; three minutes' walk from Steam Ferry every quarter of an hour.

"THE HOMESTEAD," KELLETT RIDGE, Furnished, from 1st NOVEMBER.

LAND for COAL STORAGE at WEST POINT, deep water frontage, and at KOWLOON.

GODOWNS, WEST.

GODOWNS at KOWLOON POINT.

Apply to

SHARP & Co.,
Telegraph House.

Hongkong, 12th October, 1891. [46

TO LET.

DESIRABLE OFFICE on FIRST or SECOND FLOOR, and GODOWNS, No. 13, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to

STOLTERFOHT & HIRST.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1891. [1276

TO LET,
FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1892

THE DESIRABLE FAMILY RESIDENCE, No. 4, THE ALBANY.

Apply to

LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1891. [2635

TO LET.

HOUSE to let, No. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1891. [2654

TO LET.

THE PREMISES known as BOWRINGTON FOUNDRY with Dwelling House (5 Rooms).

ALSO.

A Large GODOWN, SHEDS and YARD.

For further particulars, apply to

GORDON & CO.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1891. [2727

TO LET,
WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

A LARGE WELL VENTILATED GODOWN in DUDDELL STREET. Rent very moderate.

Apply to

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Duddell Street.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891. [2701

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLE BOARD and RESIDENCE, 1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST. Terms $50 per Month.

Mrs. STAINFIELD.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1891. [1830

BOARD AND LODGING.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS with Board.

Apply to Mrs. MATHER,
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Hongkong, 18th July, 1891. [1716

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COAL MERCHANTS,
have always on hand
LARGE STOCKS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION OF COAL.

Address—Care of Messrs. KWONG SANG & Co.
No. 68 PRAYA. [806

FOR SALE

FOR SALE.

CHAS. HEIDSIECK'S CHAMPAGNE, 1889 WHITE SEAL.
$25............per case of 1 dozen quarts.
$26............per case of 2 dozen pints.

PAUL DUBOIS & Co.'s CLARET, CHATEAU LAROSE.
$13............per case of 1 dozen quarts.
$14............per case of 2 dozen pints.

PONTET CANET.
$9.50............per case of 1 dozen quarts.

PALMER MARGAUX.
$7.50............per case of 1 dozen quarts.
$8.50............per case of 2 dozen pints.

LORMONT.
$5............per case of 1 dozen quarts.
$6............per case of 2 dozen pints.

JOHN WALKER & SONS' OLD HIGHLAND WHISKEY.
$8............per case of 1 dozen bottles.

ALSO.

CUTLER PALMER & Co.'s WINES AND SPIRITS.

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1891. [25

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE "MONOPOLE" —HEIDSIECK & Co.—

MONOPOLE RED SEAL (medium dry).
Do. "sec" RED FOIL } (dry).
Do. GOLD FOIL }
DRY Do. do. (extra dry).

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Sole Agents for
HEIDSIECK & Co., REIMS,
For Hongkong, China, and Japan.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1885. [161

FOR SALE.

THE well-known JAPANESE NATURAL MINERAL WATER "HIRANO," Bright, Sparkling, and Effervescent.
Per case of 50 quarts $7.00
Per case of 50 pints $5.25

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1891. [2553

FOR SALE.

THE RACE PONY "NEW YEAR"; Winner of the Consolation Stakes, Shanghai Autumn Meeting, 1891.

For full Particulars apply to

H.,
care of this Paper.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891. [2698

FOR SALE.

BEST STEAM COAL.

THE Undersigned beg to inform the Public that they have been appointed AGENTS in HONGKONG for the SAI PANG and SAI MEI COAL MINING COMPANY, of KOBE, and are now prepared to supply COALS of the said Mines at the most reduced and moderate prices.

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Pakshan, British str., 835, Jenkins, Nov. 19, Hop Hing Hong
Pasig, British str., 284, Chinese, for Canton
Peking, German str., 991, F. Schultz, Dec. 23, Siemssen & Co.
Pilot Fish, British str., 117, Stopani, H. & W. Dock Co.
Pingsuey, British str., 1,987, Jaques, Dec. 27, Arnhold, Karberg & Co., for London
Powan, British str., 1,812, S. W. Goggin, H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Sherard Osborn, Brit. str., 87?, Madge, Dec. 12, E. E., A. & C. Telegraph Co
Taicheong, German str., 828, Dubme, Dec. 23, Meyer & Co
Tai On, British str., 769, Gololouski, April 21, Chinese, for Canton
Tamarind, Nor. str., 885, L. Castley, Nov. 21, Wieler & Co.
Tetartos, German str., 1,576, Breitung, Dec. 22, Siemssen & Co.
Triumph, German str., 674, J. Bruhn, Dec. 28, Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Velox, German str., 759, Johannsen, Dec. 11, Wieler & Co.
Woosung, British str., 1,127, Sawer, Dec. 26, Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Wuotan, German str., 1,016, A. Ott, Dec. 27, Wieler & Co.
Zafiro, British str., 675, A. R. W. Cobban, Dec. 24, Shewan & Co., for Manila

SAILING VESSELS.

Aren, Norw. bark, 6?4, A. Christensen, Nov. 22, Chinese
A. W. Spies, Amr. bark, 1,171, Nov. 23, Order.
Benj. F. Hunt, Amr. bk., 1,100, Howard, Nov. 24, Order
Come', German ship, 1,088, Krippner, Nov. 21, Carlowitz & Co., for New York
Donna Bartola, Amr. sch., 62, Blechert, Nov. 30, Siemssen & Co.
G. H. Wappaus, Ger. bk., 533, Hensson, Dec. 20, Chinese
Gov. Robie, Amr. ship, 1,?2?, Nichols, Nov. 30, Order
Hans, German sch., 120, Hansen, Dec. 2, Blackhead & Co.
Jenny, Amr. sch., 74, O. Thomas, Dec. 16, Wieler & Co.
Jessonda, German bark, 883, Dessands, July 29, Melchers & Co.
Martha Davis, Amr. bk., 832, Pendleton, Dec. 25, Shewan & Co., for New York
Mary Stewart, Brit. bark, 414, Thompson, Nov. 27, Order
Nam Shun Shing, Chinese 3-m. sch., 245, Lok Li Tong, Sept. 25, Yong Kee & Co.
R. R. Thomas, Amr. ship, 1,333, Nichols, Dec. 6, Carlowitz & Co., for New York
Sokoto, British ship, 2,193, Vaughan, Dec. 23, Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Spinaway, British bark, 325, Garrick, Dec. 5, Siemssen & Co.
Velocity, British bark, 491, R. Martin, Dec. 19, Chinese

AMOY.

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Basuto, German bark, 348, Petersen, Nov. 27, Pasedag & Co
Cheangchew, Brit. str., 1,213, Webb, Dec. 18, Lloyd, K. P. T. Co
Claro Babuyan, Brit. bark, 359, Brown, Dec. 4, Pasedag & Co
Rewa, British bark, 453, Kelwit, Nov. 27, Boyd & Co
Sea Swallow, Brit. bark, 332, Maher, Dec. 27, Pasedag & Co
Sebastian Bach, Brit. bk., 812, Jensen, Nov. 20, Pasedag & Co

FOOCHOW.

In Port on 19th December, 1891.

Elizabeth, German bark, 4?7, Kook, Dec. ?8, Chinese
Namoa, British str., 862, Goddard, Dec. 18, Jardine, Matheson & Co

SHANGHAI.

In Port on 22nd December, 1891.

Agamemnon, Brit. str., 1,491, Williams, Dec. 21, Butterfield & Swire
Ajax, British str., 1412, E. Rawlings, Dec. 12, Butterfield & Swire
Ashington, German str., 846, Zindel, Dec. 22, Siemssen & Co
Baikal, Russ. str., 717, Lemochefsky, Dec. 22, Fearon, Low & Co
Benlarig, British str., 1,454, Bouillier, Dec. 15, Gibb, Livingston & Co
Cape City, British bark, 439, Merloss, Dec. 16, Hopkins, Dunn & Co
Chefoo, British str., 865, Hutchison, Dec. 17, Butterfield & Swire
Chi-yuen, Chinese str., 1,250, C. R. Null, Dec. 5, C. M. S. N. Co.
E Sang, British str., 1,127, Stapleton, Dec. 22, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Feiching, British str., 994, Warren, Dec. 14, S. M. S. N. Co
Feilung, British str., 750, Bollard, Dec. 18, S. M. S. N. Co
Feiwo, German str., 670, Leak, Dec. 21, S. M. S. N. Co.
Fungshun, Chinese str., 968, Wallace, Dec. 14, C. M. S. N. Co
Fushun, Chinese str., 1,504, A. Croad, Dec. 13, C. M. S. N. Co.
Giulio Cesare, Ital. str., 2,228, Tissornio, Dec. 13, C. & J. Trading Co
Gov. Goodwin, Amr. sh., 1,414, Oakes, Dec. 7, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Haean, Chinese str., 859, Andrew, Dec. 2, C. M. S. N. Co.
Hasting, Chinese str., 1,099, Patterson, Dec. 19, C. M. S. N. Co
Hoihow, British str., 861, W. Sloss, Dec. 9, Butterfield & Swire
Hsin-sheng, Chi. str., 855, Buchanan, Dec. 21, C. M. S. N. Co.
Ingo, German steamer, 670, Jesselsen, Dec. 20, S. M. S. N. Co
Jacob E. Ridgway, Amr. sh., 1,295, Call, Dec. 2, C. & J. Trading Co
Kobe Maru, Jap. str., 1,630, Haswell, Dec. 22, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Melbourne, French str., ?,033, Bevilaqua, Dec. 11, Messageries Maritimes
Mimi, [illegible], 50?, Mathison, Nov. 24, Morris & Co
Newchwang, Brit. str., 5?0, Finlayson, Dec. 5, Butterfield & Swire
Pechili, British str., 881, Purkis, Dec. 9, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Pekin, British str., 2,133, P. Harris, Nov. 29, P. & O. S. N. Co
Peninsular, British str., 2,711, Loggie, Dec. 11, P. & O. S. N. Co
Pingsuey, British str., 1,982, Jaques, Dec. 20, C. S. M. S. N. Co
Poochi, Chinese str., 544, Froberg, Dec. 9, C. M. S. N. Co
Store Nordiske, Danish str 593, Suenson, Dec. 12, G. N. Telegraph Co
Sungkiang, British str., 994, Dodd, Dec. 9, Butterfield & Swire
Toonan, Chinese str., 938, Warwick, Dec. 20, C. M. S. N. Co
Woosung, British str., 1,109, Harris, Dec. 12, Butterfield & Swire
Wuchang, British str., 800, Vallack, Dec. 17, Butterfield & Swire

NAGASAKI.

In Port on 18th December, 1891.

Asagao, Japanese str., 1,565, Selck, Dec. 14, Mitsui Bishi Colliery
Hiogo-maru, Japanese str., 897, Oct. 15, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Kozaki-maru, Barge, 400, Christensen, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Novik, Russian str., 141, Makimoff, Dec. 3, Holme, Ringer & Co
Omi-maru, Japanese str., 1,533, Wynn, Dec. 14, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Ramleh, British str., Manleno, Dec. 11, Holme, Ringer & Co
Satsuma, British bark, 364, Swenson, Dec. 10, C. & J. Trading Co
Vladivostock, Rus. str., 678, Ostolopoff, Dec. 8, Holme, Ringer & Co

KOBE.

In Port on 15th December, 1891.

Ancona, British str., 1,575, Mulis, Dec. 14, P. & O. S. N. Co
Assyrian, British bk., 1,150, Robinson, Nov. 14, Otto, Reimers & Co
Doris, German steamer, 771, Raben, Dec. 11, Faber & Voight
Ghazee, British str., 1,764, Scotland, Dec. 11, Dodwell, Carlill & Co
Glamorganshire, Brit. str., 1,881, Davies, Dec. 11, Samuel, Samuel & Co
Johann, German str., 427, H. Bingo, Nov. 13, Captain
Monmouthshire, Br. str., 1,372, Cuming, Dec. 12, Dodwell, Carlill & Co
Mutsu-maru, Jap. str., 564, Miyagi, Dec. 10, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Owari Maru, Japanese str., 644, Jones, Dec. 13, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Pingsuey, British str., 1,981, Jaques, Dec. 14, W. M. Strachan & Co
Pollux, German str., 898, H. Hellmers, Dec. 11, Butterfield & Swire
Sikh, British str., 2,735, Jas. Rowley, Dec. 11, Dodwell, Carlill & Co
Tokio Maru, Jap. str., 1,360, Kenderline, Dec. 12, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Toyoshima-maru, Jap. str., 684, Sakai, Dec. 11, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Yechigo-maru, Jap. str., 712, Matsumoto, Dec. 8, Nippon Yusen Kaisha

YOKOHAMA.

In Port on 16th December, 1891.

Andromeda, British ship, 1,322, Carter, Nov. 16, Fraser, Farley & Co
Arctic, British sch., 49, Wilson, Nov. 21, Master
Conemara, British str., 2,167, Bouton, Dec. 8, Samuel, Samuel & Co
Cuthona, British sh., 1,702, Ditchburn, Dec. 10, R. Isaacs & Brother
Deuteros, German str., 1,197, W. Dinse, Dec. 16, Butterfield & Swire
Diana, Amr. sch., 74, Peterson, Nov. 3, Master
Djemnah, French str., 1,964, Bonnefoy, Dec. 12, Messageries Maritimes
Gaelic, British str., 4,205, Pearne, Dec. 16, O. & O. S. S. Co
Howden, British bark, 1,163, Evans, Dec. 11, Flint, Kirby & Co
Humber, British str., 1,417, Tallack, Dec. 13, Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Kambira, British ship, 1,952, Brownell, Dec. 4, C. & J. Trading Co
Kriemhild, German str., 2,000, Ehlers, Dec. 16, Simon, Evers & Co
Narwhal, British steam sch., 142, Dec. 1, Eastern Whaling Co
Nautilus, British sch., 95, Shinkel, Nov. 19, Eastern Whaling Co
Norma, British sch., 52, Nicol, D. Fraser
Oceanic, British str., 3,808, Smith, Dec. 11, O. & O. S. N. Co.
Sadie, R.Y.C., British steam yacht, 171, McDonald, Dec. 3, C. G. Millar
Thirlmere, British sh., 1,711, Atkinson, Dec. 11, R. Isaacs and Brother

BANGKOK.

In Port on 16th December, 1891.

Borneo, British str., 494, Bullan, Dec. 14, Bun Hong
Bua Pan, British bark, 57?, Berndt, Nov. 5, Hock Poh
Charon Wattana, Siam bg., 656, H..ch, Nov. 18, Soo Ma Seng
Chowfa, British str., 1,055, Phillips, Dec. 8, Windsor & Co
Emma Muller, Ger. str., 505, Kuling, Dec. 1?, Clarke & Co
Hecate, British str., 607, Gray, Dec. 15, Windsor & Co
Kong Beng, British str., 862, Jackson, Windsor & Co
Libelle, British str., 835, G. Grant, Nov. 16, Mah Wah
Long Hin, Siamese brig, 225, Capt. Siamese.
Orion, Nor. bark, 659, Bormerio, Oct. 26, Clarke & Co
Queen of England, Siamese bark, 426, Spencer, July 25, Master
Somdetch Phranang, British str., 1,057, Jones, Nov. 18, Windsor & Co
Sostrini, Norw. bark, 490, Nielson, Oct. 14, Windsor & Co

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Alacrity, 2-s. steel despatch boat, 4 guns, 3,150 h.p., Com. G. A. Adair, at Chinkiang
Archer, cruiser, 6 guns, 3,500 h.p., Com. J. Ferris, at Shanghai
Caroline, cruiser, 14 guns, 1,410 h.p., Capt. Wm. R. Clutterbuck, at Shanghai
Egeria, surveying ship, Com. A. M. Field, at Hongkong
Esk, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, 340 h.p., in reserve, at Ichang
Firebrand, composite gunboat, 4 guns, 460 h.p., Lieut. C. J. Baker, at Newchwang
Hyacinth, cruiser, 8 guns, 1,190 h.p., Capt. R. W. Craigie, at Singapore
Impérieuse, d.-s. cruiser, 10 guns, 10,000 h.p., Capt. Edmund S. Poe, at Hongkong
Leander, cruiser, 10 guns, 5,500 h.p., Capt. Burges Watson, at Yokohama
Linnet, gunboat, 5 guns, 1,050 h.p., Com. V. D. Tisdall, at Hongkong
Mercury, cruiser, 13 guns, 7,390 h.p., Capt. Chas. J. Balfour, at Yokohama
Pallas, cruiser, 8 guns, 7,500 h.p., Com. Angus MacLeod, at Hongkong
Peacock, gunboat, 6 guns, Lieut.-Comd. Ingram, at Chinkiang
Penguin, sloop, Commander W. U. Moore, at Hongkong
Pigmy, gunboat, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Com. Hewett, at Hongkong
Plover, gunboat, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Com. L. K. Bell, at Swatow
Porpoise, steel torpedo cruiser, 6 guns, 3,500 h.p., Com. C. L. Burr, at Hongkong
Rattler, composite g.-bt., 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Com. J. G. Heugh, at Singapore
Redpole, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Com. Freeman, at Shanghai
Severn, cruiser, 12 guns, 6,000 h.p., Capt. W. H. Hall, at Hongkong
Solent, torpedo mining launch, at Hongkong
Swift, double-screw g.-v., 2 guns, 1,010 h.p., Com. Hon. R. Bingham, at Hankow
Tweed, double-screw gun-vessel, 3 guns, 340 h.p., in reserve, at Hongkong
Victor Emanuel, receiving ship, 20 guns, Commodore E. J. Church, at Hongkong
Wivern, turret ironclad, 4, 1,450, in reserve, at Hongkong.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

Admiral Kornilow, Russian cruiser, Capt. Aledesieff, at Vladivostock
Alert, Amr. corv., 8 guns, Capt. R. D. Hitchcock, at Canton
Alexandrine, German cruiser, Capt. Schneider, at Nanking
Alliance, Amr. corv., Comd. Felix McCurley, at Yokohama
Aspic, French gunboat, 4 guns, Capt. Journet, at Yangtsze
Bobre, Russian cruiser, 13 guns, 1,100 h.p., Capt. Boyle, at Vladivostock
Charleston, Amr. corvette, 8 guns, Capt. Remey, at Yokohama
Comete, French gunboat, Lieut. Martel, at Haiphong
Diu, Portuguese g.-bt., 6 guns, 700 h.p., Captain M. A. Gomes, at Macao
Iltis, German gunboat, 4 guns, 4,310 h.p., Capt. Ascher, at Shanghai
Inconstant, French gunboat, Capt. Jonquieres, at Wuhu
Koreeitz, Russian gunboat, Capt. Filisoff, at Shanghai
Kraysser, Russian corvette, 6 guns, 1,205 h.p., Capt. Rojestwensky, at Vladivostock
Leipzig, German cruiser, Captain Rottger, at Nanking
Lutin, French g.-bt., Com. Nenny, at Bangkok
Mandjur, Russian cruiser, 7 guns, Com. Brandt, at Yokohama
Marion, Amr. corvette, 6 guns, Capt. J. R. Bartlett, at Yokohama
Monocacy, Amr. cruiser, 6 guns, 1,740 h.p., Com. Barber, at Shanghai
Nayezdnik, Russian cruiser, 9 guns, 253 h.p., Capt. Zarine, at Vladivostock
Palos, Amr. gunboat, 6 guns, 590 h.p., Lieut.-Com. J. Marthon, at Shanghai
Pamiat Azova, Russian cruiser, Capt. S. Bayer, at Yokohama
Parseval, French cruiser, Capt. Fourest, at Japan
Pluvier, French g.-bt., Capt. Lapal, at Hongkong
Reina Cristina, Spanish cruiser, Capt. Inglisias, at Manila
Sivoutch, Russian cruiser, 13 guns, Capt. A. Plaskin, at Shanghai
Sophie, German cruiser, Captain Herbing, at Nanking
Swatara, Amr. corvette, Com. P. H. Cooper, at Yokohama
Triomphante, French frigate, Capt. Cornulier Lucinière, at Nagasaki
Velasco, Spanish cruiser, 4 guns, Capt. Jose Fernandez, at Shanghai
Villars, French cruiser, Captain Thounens, at Shanghai
Vipere, French gunboat, 4 guns, 100 h.p., Capt. Constelle, at Chefoo
Vladimir Monomach, Russian cruiser, Captain Doubassoff, at Yokohama
Volturno, Italian cruiser, Comd. Rayoh, at Shanghai
Vostock, Rus. schr., [illegible] guns, Com. Molchonsky, at Vladivostock
Wolf, German gunboat, 2 guns, 340 h.p., Lieut.-Com. Hellhoff, at Hankow

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